

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring.

**Please replace paragraph [002] with the following amended paragraph:**

[002] The present invention relates to vehicular suspension arms. More particularly, the present invention relates to a suspension arm hardware kit, to a method of installing a suspension arm, and to a protective spacer for use with suspension arms. The apparatus hereof is suitable for substantially protecting an installation area of the suspension arm from contamination, preferably at a reduced cost.

**Please replace paragraph [013] with the following amended paragraph:**

[013] In order to achieve the above-described object, in a first aspect of the present invention, an improved method of installing the suspension arm is provided, in which a cylindrical hole is bored in one end of the suspension arm. A bearing is installed into this cylindrical hole, and a sealing member is installed into each end of the cylindrical hole. A pair of spacer collars for regulating movement of this bearing are inserted through the sealing members at both ends of the cylindrical hole. A bolt is then inserted through the bearing and the pair of spacer collars. [[\*]]The bolt also passes through a one end of the suspension arm is installed to the body-side bracket , including attached to the vehicle

frame, thereby connecting one end of the suspension arm to the frame. On one end of the collar, there is provided an integrally molded [[a]] flange having a larger outer diameter than the inner diameter of the cylindrical hole, and this flange protectively covers and blocks the cylindrical hole.

**Please replace paragraph [021] with the following amended paragraph:**

[021] Fig. 6(a) is [[an operation]] a front view explaining an operation of the brake disk of the vehicle according to the selected embodiment;

**Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph [021]:**

[021.1] Fig. 6(b) is a sectional view of brake disk of the vehicle provided for explaining operation thereof according to the selected embodiment;

**Please replace paragraph [025] with the following amended paragraph:**

[025] Figures 10(a) and 10(b) are operation views for explaining operation of the described apparatus for installing the suspension of the vehicle, in which Figure 10(a) shows a known prior art design, and Figure 10(b) illustrates a structure according to an illustrative embodiment of the present invention.

**Please replace paragraph [059] with the following amended paragraph:**

[059] The inboard installation area 177 is a portion obtained by screw-coupling the nut

168 to the tip end of the bolt 167 after the following steps: a cylindrical through-hole 182 is bored in an end portion 181 of the suspension arm 38, as noted, and a spherical sliding bearing 183 with rings 184, 184 is installed in this through-hole 182. Each side portion of this spherical sliding bearing 183 is sandwiched between cylindrical spacer members 186, 186 as a flanged collar. Sealing members 187, 187 are interposed between these cylindrical spacer members 186, 186 and the suspension arm at the inner surface of the through-hole 182, as shown[[.]] (It will be understood that the sealing members 187 must be installed prior to, or concurrently with the installation of the spacer members 186[[.]]).  
The [[A]] bolt 167 is inserted through the bracket 166, the cylindrical spacer members 186, 186 and the spherical sliding bearing 183.

**Please replace paragraph [066] with the following amended paragraph:**

**[066]** In the known design of Figure 10(a), for example, water splashed when the vehicle is passing through a puddle or the like splashes directly on a sealing member 261, situated between a through-hole 254 of the inboard installation area 252 and the cylindrical spacer member 258, as shown by an arrow. Therefore, if [[a]] the force of the water is strong, there is a possibility that the sealing member 261 may be contaminated or compromised by such water splashing, especially if it occurs repeatedly over an extended time period.